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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of

Inventor: Patrick H. Wnek

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Examiner: S.J. Castellano

Title: CONTAINER WITH IMPROVED STACKING/DENESTING CAPABILITY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the office action mailed May 10, 2002, the applicant responds as follows:

In the claims:

Please further amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A nestable container having a continuous sidewall with inner and outer surfaces defining a sidewall thickness therebetween and upper and lower edges, and a bottom wall formed along said lower edge of the sidewall, said sidewall being downwardly convergent and having a bulge made of said paperboard material projecting inwardly from said inner surface of the sidewall, and at least one bulge projecting outwardly from the outer surface of said sidewall, said thickness of the sidewall being greater at at least some locations along said bulges than at other locations on said sidewall, said at least one outwardly projecting bulge adapted to cooperate with the inwardly directed bulge of an underlying nested container to